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Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status

Note by the Director-General

Provides information on the following non-governmental organization applying for consultative status with UNIDO: World Federation of Free Zones (FEMOZA).

1. In accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution of UNIDO and the Guidelines for the Relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (decision GC.1/Dec.41), in particular paragraph 17 of the annex thereto, information on one non-governmental organization (NGO) seeking consultative status with UNIDO is circulated to the members of the Board in the annex to the present document. More detailed information on the NGO is available with the Secretariat.

2. Paragraph 17 of the annex to the Guidelines stipulates that the Board shall establish appropriate procedures for reviewing applications from NGOs for consultative status. To facilitate and accelerate its work, the Board may wish to follow the practice established at previous sessions and request the Bureau of the Board to review the application of, and information on, the NGO referred to in the annex to the present document and to submit its recommendations to the Board for consideration at its current session.

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Annex

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS APPLYING FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS

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WORLD FEDERATION OF FREE ZONES (FEMOZA)

Historical background

FEMOZA was founded in Geneva, Switzerland, on 22 December 1999 to gather and further free zones of all types worldwide.

It promotes free zones by providing juridical, technical and economic support with special priority given to emerging economies.

Statutes

Available

Structure of governing bodies and administration

General Assembly: supreme body.

Executive Committee: composed of a minimum of five members (president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary general, and others).

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

For the last few years free zones have developed very fast. They have become the solution for many countries to increase employment, guide export strategies and to positively influence their economies. Within that context, FEMOZA:

Provides technical consultancies as well as training and help schemes facilitating the transfer of know-how necessary for the development of free zones;

Organizes educational programmes among the member free zones, either directly or by agreements with other institutions;

Reinforces free zones through transfer of technologies in agreement between user companies;

In the area of investment, assists free zone managements in following the best management practices, advises and guides new and emerging free zones, trains staff and provides ad hoc assistance;

Maintains its own database and provides access to other international databases and publishes periodical information bulletins;

Promotes internships and employees exchange programmes;

Organizes lectures and workshops in order to narrow knowledge gap on free zones and spread information on advantages and possibilities of free zones in relation to industrial, trade, financial, logistics and service activities.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

United Nations, ITC, UNCTAD, UNEP, World Bank and WTO.

Relations with NGOs/Membership

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